(b) if not, the facts in this regard and the number of such incidents that took place during the years, 2006 and 2007;

(c) whether Government have issued any instructions to the State Government in view of above incidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) According to available information, during the year, 2006, 26 Hindi speaking persons were killed in three major incidents of terrorists violence. In the current year, 71 Hindi speaking persons were killed in acts of violence perpetrated by ULFA in January and May, 2007 and 28 persons were killed in various incidents between 8-12 August, 2007 by ULFA and Karbi Longri, N.C. Hills Liberation Front (KLNLF).

(c) and (d) The Central Government has been maintaining close and continuous coordination with the State Government and supplementing their efforts on a continuing basis with the Aim of putting in place effective measures to control the activities of the various militant groups. The steps taken in this regard, *inter alia*, include deployment of Central Security forces, including Army, to assist the State police, sharing of intelligence, provision of assistance to the State Government for strenthening and modernization of the local police, raising of India Reserve Battalions, reimbursement of security related expenditure to the State Government, etc. The situation is being reviewed and monitored on a regular basis.

After the recent incidents in Karbi Anglong district, the Minister of State, Shri Sriprakash Jaiswal visited the State, including the site, along with a High Level team comprising the Special Secretary (Internal Security), and the Directors General of the CRPF and BSF for a detailed review of the situation with the State authorities. In the wake of these incidents the State Government and the Central Security Forces have intensified patrolling and counter insurgency operations in the area. Around 4000 persons living in isolated and remote areas have also been shifted to safer locations. With a view to strengthening the security arrangements in the area, apart from effective utilization of the Central Security Forces it has also been decided by the State Government to establish additional police stations and police outposts in the District.

Special action plan to trace missing children

†1747. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on an average 44 thousand children go missing every year in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that out of these missing children about one-fourth of them are not traced;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) whether Government are considering to formulate any special action plan to trace out the missing children; and

(e) if so, the details of the plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) National Human Rights Commission in collaboration with UNIFEM and Institute of Social Sciences (ISS), New Delhi had conducted an Action Research Study on Trafficking in Women and Children in India. The report, which was released on 24.8.2004, in the Chapter on 'Missing Persons and Trafficking' states that the number of children reported missing from 1996 to 2001(six years) from the States/UTs aggregate to 44,476 and of these, 11,008 children remain untraced annually.

(d) and (e) Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) is in the process of putting in place a National Website for Missing Children with the support of UNICEF and National Informatics Centre. MWCD has already constituted a Core Committee for this purpose. The website on missing children on pilot basis has been launched in the State of West Bengal in May, 2007 with the help of UNICEF.

Base camp along Bihar-Nepal Border

†1748. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sashastra Seema Bal has any plan to set up base camp at some places along Bihar-Nepal border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present state of progress of the said plan; and

(d) the reasons for delay, if any, in the implementation of this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (d) As per Key Location Plan of SSB, 198 Border Out Posts (BOPs) are to be established on India-Nepal border in Bihar by 31.03.2008. Of these 133 BOPs are already on ground.

Study to assess reasons behind missing children

1749. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidence of abduction of children is on the rise in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of children abducted/reported missing during the last 5 years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether any study to assess the reasons behind such increasing number of children going missing has been conducted;

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